

Discover lightning's electrifying truth at free public talks

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M., Sept. 9, 2019—Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Tess Light will discuss the beauty and mystery of lightning at three Frontiers in Science public talks starting Sept. 11 in Santa Fe.

"On any given day lightning flashes nearly 4 million times across the earth," said Light, a physicist at the Laboratory. "Yet it's surprising that this routine natural phenomenon is still commonly misunderstood."

Titled "Lightning: Illuminating its mystery," the talks will explore lightning's role in the atmosphere, the different types of lightning, what triggers those bright cracks across the sky and what determines the shape of a lightning bolt.

All presentations take place at new venues, begin at 7 p.m. and are free of charge. The talks are:

- Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Jean Cocteau Cinema, 418 Montezuma Avenue, Santa Fe
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Cottonwood on the Greens, Community Room, 4244
 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Dialogue Brewing, 1501 1st Street NW, Albuquerque

Sponsored by the Fellows of Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Frontiers in Science lecture series is intended to increase local public awareness of the diversity of science and engineering research at the Laboratory.

Get more information about the talk, call (505) 667-2871 or email Furhana Afrid.

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